

News Release

Lantern New Year Celebration Features Area Students and CAAM Chinese Dance Theater Saturday, February 22, 2014, including Workshops, Dinner, and Performance

By Itolfe on Wednesday, February 12, 2014Area students have been preparing since November for the opportunity to perform with the

CAAM Chinese Dance Theater dancers as part of the Lantern New Year Celebration at the University of Minnesota Crookston. The activities begin at 2 p.m. with workshops in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, followed by dinner in Brown Dining Room at 5 p.m., and concluding with a special dance performance at 6:30 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. Tickets include all activities and are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. They can be purchased by calling Rae French at 218-281-8339 and also will be available at the door on the day of the event. The workshops are available for all ages and include a Paper Cutting and Lantern Making Workshop from 2-3 p.m.; a History of the New Year Workshop follows from 3-4 p.m.; and a Chinese Language and Writing Workshop will run from 4-5 p.m. At 5 p.m., dinner will be served in Brown Dining Room, followed by the dance performance at 6:30 p.m.



To commemorate the close of the New Year celebration, children from the Crookston, Fisher, Thief River Falls, Moorhead, and Lengby areas will join students from the U of M Crookston and CAAM Chinese Dance Theater for several dances.

The performance is made possible by Minnesota State Arts Board Arts Learning Program; CAAM; CDT; International Programs Office; Confucius Institute; Concerts and Lectures Committee; Diversity Programs; Admissions, Sodexo Dining Services, and a grant from the Coke Community Initiative fund.

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In the photos: UMC students prepare for the Ribbon Dance (top) and the Dragon Dance in Kiehle Auditorium.

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